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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference(s):

- 1) US 2,864,210
- 2) DE 39 27 230

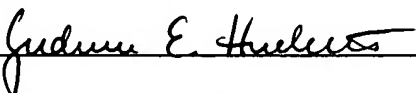
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Reference 2) discloses a jointing device with a U-shaped frame member 1 with a pivot member 4 pivotable about axes 7, 8 in the direction of arrow 27. The pivot member 4 is provided with an automatic adjusting device 9 (Figs. 3 and 4). In Fig. 1, a support 12 with several jointing stones 13 is shown which is moved in the longitudinal direction, parallel to the axis of the tool shaft 17, across the guide 11 of a transverse stay 10 of the pivot member 4 (Fig. 2) for jointing a straight edge. Several jointing stones 13 are used for jointing straight edges mounted on the tool shaft 17. The reference is silent as regards the stroke length relative to the edges to be jointed.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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